

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 12, 16 and 22 by rewriting same to read as follows and cancel claims 7-10, 14, 17-20, and 24, without prejudice or disclaimer.

D --5. (Four Times Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus provided with at least four audio signal output terminals for a plurality of channels;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in a form of audio signals output from said audio signal output terminals, wherein a plurality of colored labels are attached respectively to rear surfaces of said plurality of speakers, and wherein each colored label has a different respective color; and

a plurality of connecting cable members, each of said plurality of connecting cable members incorporating a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by one of a plurality of insulating sheathing members for connecting said electronic apparatus to said plurality of speakers, wherein

each of said audio signal output terminals is arranged corresponding to positions of said plurality of speakers,

wherein a plurality of colored sheets are affixed adjacent thereto, said plurality of speakers being arranged corresponding to said plurality of channels, wherein

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cont. each of said audio signal output terminals is distinguished by one of a plurality of different respective colors corresponding to a color distribution of said plurality of colored sheets for enabling each of said plurality of channels to be discernible; and

each of said plurality of connecting cable members is distinguished by one of said plurality of colors corresponding to a color distribution of said colored sheets affixed adjacent said audio signal output terminals and said plurality of colored labels, and wherein

said distinction of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is implemented by a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members, and wherein

one end of said connecting cable member has a plug connector structure fitted with said pair of conductor members in the form of a pair of coupling holes respectively connected to two conductor portions, wherein each said plug connector structure has a different respective color corresponding to the color distribution of said plurality of colored labels and said plurality of colored sheets;

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concl. said audio signal output terminals conform to a socket connector structure coupled with said plug connector member;

said socket connector has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when an other of said plug connectors is coupled with said socket connector;

wherein said pair of coupling holes are to be coupled with said two connecting pins and said plug connector includes a position-controlling means coupling portion to be coupled with said position-controlling means of said socket connector for matching said polarities.

D₂ --12. (Thrice Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to claim 5, wherein one of said plug connector members is secured to each end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members and one of said socket connectors is secured to each of said plurality of speaker terminals, wherein said plug connector members on each connecting cable member are the same color.

D₃ --16. (Four Times Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

D₃ an electronic apparatus having a plurality of audio signal output terminals compatible with at least four of a plurality of channels;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in the form of an audio signal output from each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals, wherein a plurality of colored labels are attached respectively to rear surfaces of said plurality of speakers, and wherein each colored label has a different respective color; and

a plurality of connecting cable members each having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities, and each of said plurality of connecting cable members are individually sheathed with an insulating sheathing member and are used for connecting said electronic apparatus and said plurality of speakers, wherein

said audio signal output terminals corresponding to said plurality of channels provided for said electronic apparatus are individually distinguished by a plurality of different colored sheets affixed respectively adjacent said audio signal output terminals to visually discern individual channels, wherein a color distribution of said colored sheets corresponds to a color distribution of said colored labels; and

said plurality of connecting cable members is provided

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with specific different colors corresponding to a color distribution of said colors of said plurality of colored sheets provided for said plurality of audio signal output terminals for visual discernment of individual channels and corresponding to a color distribution of said plurality of colored labels affixed to said plurality of speakers, wherein

said distinguishing of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is performed using a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color and secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members, wherein

one end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members has a first connector structure fitted with a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities each connected to two conductor portions, wherein each said first connector structure has a different respective color corresponding to the color distribution of said plurality of colored labels and said plurality of colored sheets;

each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals conforms to a second connector structure and is coupled with said first connector member;

said first connector member has position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with an other of said second connector members; and